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In re Patent Application of:
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International Application No.: PCT/NL2003/000947

Application No.: 10/541,219

Art Unit: N/A

Filed: June 30, 2005

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: **CONVERTING A FLUCTUATING STREAM
OF POULTRY INTO A UNIFORM STREAM
OF POULTRY**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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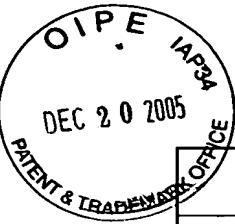
INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.



AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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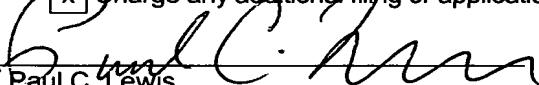
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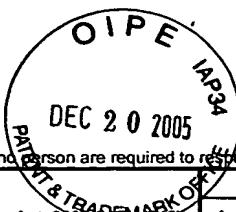
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

<u>Application Type</u>	<u>FILING FEES</u>		<u>SEARCH FEES</u>		<u>EXAMINATION FEES</u>		
	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>	
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Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)		

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

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